REMARKS

The present application is currently under appeal. The Examiner contacted Applicant's undersigned representative on October 17, 2008 to propose claim amendments that would place the application in condition for allowance.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant proposes to amend the claims herein in accordance with the Examiner's instructions to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner has the discretion to enter this Proposed Amendment or amend the claims by Examiner's Amendment, according to the proposed amendments contained herein, to place the application in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes there are any issues which must be resolved prior to allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC

Date: October 17, 2008 By: /Jonathan R. Bowser/

Jonathan R. Bowser Registration No. 54574

P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, VA 22313-1404 703 836 6620